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1. WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED AT COMMENT OF NYSTEN (REFTEL)
THAT CORRUPT PRACTICES IS ONLY ONE PART OF BROADER DIS-
CLOSURE OF INFORMATION FIELD. THIS VIEW SUPERFICIALLY
APPEARS SIMILAR TO POSITION OF RADICAL MEMBERS OF G-77
WHO HAVE OPPOSED AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON BRIBERY
SEPARATE FROM THE UN CODE OF CONDUCT. WE HOPE THAT FINNS
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WOULD NOT TAKE THIS POSITION IN ECOSOC.

2. IN OUR VIEW, BRIBERY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IS A
SERIOUS PROBLEM IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, NOT NECESSARILY
LIMITED TO TNC'S. FURTHER, IT IS A TRADITIONAL CRIMINAL
LAW MATTER ON WHICH THERE IS GENERAL CONSENSUS IN PRINCIPLE
AND WHICH IS AMENDABLE TO EARLY ACTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL

LEVEL. OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING ENDORSED SUCH ACTION LAST JUNE AND NEW FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A TREATY MODELED ON THE HAGUE HIJACKING CONVENTION SHOULD GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO THE

PROJECT. U.S. PROPOSALS FOR REPORTING OF AGENTS' FEES ARE SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND ARE NOT CONTRADICTORY WITH FRENCH PROPOSALS. WE HOPE TO COMPROMISE ANY DIFFERENCES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THEREFORE, WE HOPE FINNS WILL SUPPORT EARLY ACTION ON A BASIS BROADLY ACCEPTABLE TO OECD COUNTRIES.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE ABOVE POINTS TO APPROPRIATE GOF OFFICIALS. VANCE

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